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Dear Ray,

I am startled to learn that my wife is pestering you concerning our divorce arrangements and is asking you to provide privileged treatment for her lawyer. I do not feel that my professional relations with your firm enters into the divorce proceedings.

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My lawyer in the States is an associate of [redacted] whom you endorsed and recommended in July 1970, as a lawyer who had had connections with the firm. My lawyer, [redacted] works with [redacted] in the same legal firm, [redacted]. He may not have ever worked for your firm, but evidently if my wife's lawyer is going to be made privy to matters related to my professional life, it would seem normal that you get in touch with my own lawyer, [redacted] to check matters out with him, so as to avoid confusion that could be prejudicial.

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I am mailing [redacted] a copy of my W-2 form for 1972, which ought to satisfy my wife's demands, which should have simply been made through the lawyers. The 1971 income had already been communicated. Thus I do not see that you need to be involved.

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I personally do not feel that the firm should get involved in matters that are purely personal and that do not relate to my professional life. Initially the divorce was to have been obtained in [redacted] and we were both dealing with [redacted] lawyers, who could obviously not come running to you. My wife did not follow-up on these proceedings and the matter is now under Maryland jurisdiction, since no procedure has been instigated in [redacted]. I don't see why U.S. lawyers should involve the firm in these divorce matters any more than the [redacted] lawyers could have.

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Sincerely yours,

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